

**State of California**  
California Energy Commission

Minutes of the September 29, 2010, Energy Commission Business Meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 10:04 by Chairman Karen Douglas. The Pledge of Allegiance was lead by Chairman Douglas.

Present:

Karen Douglas, Chairman

James D. Boyd, Vice Chair

Jeffrey D. Byron, Commissioner

Anthony Eggert, Commissioner

Robert B. Weisenmiller, Commissioner

1. CONSENT CALENDAR. (Items on the Consent Calendar will be taken up and voted on as a group. A commissioner may request that an item be moved and discussed later in the meeting.)
  - a. ALTERNATIVE ENERGY AND TRANSPORTATION EXPO. Possible approval of \$4,950 and use of the Energy Commission's name and logo for co-sponsorship of the City of Santa Monica AltCar Expo. The event showcases the latest technologies and innovation in alternative transportation and fuels, energy efficiency and renewable energy. (ARFVTF funding.) Contact: Aleecia Macias.

*Vice Chair Boyd moved and Commissioner Byron seconded approval of the Consent Calendar. The vote was unanimous. (5-0)*

2. STATE ENERGY PROGRAM GUIDELINES. Possible adoption of a resolution to revise the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) State Energy Program Guidelines (Publication CEC-150-2009-004-CMF-REV3) to allow the ARRA Committee to modify the interest rate charged under the Low-Interest Energy Efficiency Financing Program (EEFP). The EEFP is one of several program elements funded under the Energy Commission's State Energy Program. The EEFP will provide up to \$25 million in ARRA SEP funds as low-interest loans to eligible applicants for energy efficiency and/or renewable energy projects that provide energy cost savings sufficient to repay the loan principal and all accrued interest within a maximum repayment term of 15 years. Contact: John Butler. (5 minutes)

*Commissioner Eggert moved and Commissioner Byron seconded approval of the resolution. The vote was unanimous. (5-0)*

3. IMPERIAL VALLEY SOLAR PROJECT (08-AFC-5). Possible adoption of the Presiding Member's Proposed Decision on the Imperial Valley Solar Project and Errata. The Imperial Valley project would utilize SunCatcher technology with a generating capacity of approximately 750 megawatts to be built in two phases. The proposed facility would be located approximately 14 miles west of El Centro, in Imperial County on federal land managed by the Bureau of Land Management. Contact: Raoul Renaud. (35 minutes)

*Commissioner Eggert moved and Commissioner Byron seconded adoption of the Proposed Decision, with Errata dated September 29, 2010, and administrative changes as needed. The vote was unanimous. (5-0)*

4. GENESIS SOLAR ENERGY PROJECT (09-AFC-8). Possible adoption of the Committee's Presiding Member's Proposed Decision on the Genesis Solar Energy Project and errata. The proposed project would be a solar electric generating facility using solar parabolic trough technology with a generating capacity of 250 megawatts. The project is located approximately 25 miles west of Blythe, California, in Riverside County, on lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management in the Sonoran Desert. Contact: Ken Celli. (35 minutes)

*Vice Chair Boyd moved and Commissioner Weisenmiller seconded adoption of the Proposed Decision and Errata dated September 28, 2010, as amended by staff. The vote was unanimous. (5-0)*

5. **Minutes:** Possible approval of the September 22, 2010, Business Meeting Minutes.

*Postponed to the next Business Meeting.*

6. **Commission Committee Presentations and Discussion:**

Commissioner Eggert reported on his and Commissioner Byron's participation yesterday's IEPR workshop.

Vice Chair Boyd reported on the recent Air Resources Board meeting.

Commissioner Weisenmiller reported on the recent IEP

7. **Chief Counsel's Report:** Chief Counsel Michael Levy requested a closed session to discuss facts and circumstances exist that constitute a significant exposure to litigation against the Commission.
8. **Executive Director's Report:** None.
9. **Public Adviser's Report:** None.
10. **Public Comment:** None.
11. **Internal Organization and Policy.** None.

**Appearances:**

Ms. Ella Foley Gannon, Bingham McCutcheon, LLP

Mr. Marc Van Patten, Tessara Solar

Mr. Sean Gallagher, Tessara Solar

Ms. Loulena Miles, Adams, Broadwell, Joseph & Cardozo

Mr. Tom Budlong (by telephone)

Mr. Steven Taylor, San Diego Gas and Electric Company

Ms. Lisa Belenkey, Center for Biological Diversity  
Ms. Bridget Nash, Quechan Tribe (by telephone)  
Mr. Preston Arrow-Weed, Quechan Tribe (by telephone)  
Ms. Edie Harmon (by telephone)  
Mr. Scott Galati, Galati Blek LLP  
Mr. Scott Busa, NexTera Energy Resources  
Ms. Rachel Koss, California Unions for Reliable Energy

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned to closed session.

Respectfully submitted,

HARRIET KALLEMEYN  
Secretary to the Commission